

Dear Friends of the Freedom Archives

Some of you may have received our recent letter and many of you have already responded – many thanks! If not,

You are the essential element. As a remarkably successful year draws to a close, we are reaching out to enlist your support. The Freedom Archives is not funded by any government agencies and receives support funding from only a few progressive family foundations. We rely on your individual contributors to keep our work going strong. Your contributions are the essential element in ensuring our success and bringing progressive history and its lessons into the future.

The Freedom Archives continues to teach high school and college age youth media and documentation skills while learning about our recent history. The youth program is the most inspiring aspect of our work! We work on a daily basis with communities around the country. Our collections are utilized for a wide range of projects.

Our latest video, *Legacy of Torture*, testifies to the powerful role that radical media can play in building public awareness and a movement for justice. The film places the current case of the San Francisco 8 in the historical context of COINTELPRO, torture, and the war against the Black Liberation movement. *Legacy of Torture* has become a catalyst for solidarity. More than 1500 copies of the film have been distributed, sparking discussion in schools and communities. Your support provided the resources to release the film with Spanish subtitles for broadcast in Venezuela, for showings in Africa and at national and international film festivals.



We're also excited to announce the release of our Paul Robeson audio CD, exploring his political thought through spoken word excerpts. With an ear to younger generations, Robeson's passion for justice and internationalism create an ever-relevant learning tool and inspiring listening experience. Again, your support helped to make this important work possible. We are having a CD Release Party on Wednesday, February 27 at La Peña in Berkeley.

Your contributions will also support one of our newest Freedom Archives projects *COINTELPRO 101* a firsthand video primer on government repression against progressive movements. Early phases of this project include interviews with survivors of government repression then and now.

The Freedom Archives has become a recognized voice in the movement for change. But you are the essential element. Please take the time today to support our efforts. Thank you in advance for your generous and much-needed contributions.

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